

## OLD TOWN SACRAMENTO CHRONOLOGY OF B.F. HASTINGS BUILDING

	1849	Sutter sold property (land) to William Pettit. Pettit sold it to Wesley Merritt.
	1851	Merritt erects a store.
Nov. 2	1852	Great disastrous Sacramento fire consumes store.
March 16	1853	B.F. Hastings buys new rebuilt Merritt building at Sheriff's Auction for \$1,500 and establishes bank.
	1854	Wells Fargo (est. 1852) moved into B.F. Hastings Building.
Mid	1854	Theodore Judah sets up office on second floor and completes first California Railroad in February, 1856.
February	1855	Supreme Court moves in as Judah moves out.
	1857	Supreme Court moves out to Jansen Building.
Nov. 17	1857	Wells Fargo moves out.
Dec.	1858	Alta Telegraph moves into B.F. Hastings Building.
	1859	Supreme Court returns to B. F. Hastings building for a stay of ten years.
April	1860	<sup>1</sup> Pony Express started by telegraph company.
April 3	1860	Pony Express begins; riders leave St. Joseph, MO, and in San Francisco mail departs via steamer <i>New World</i> for Sacramento.
April 4	1860	First ride eastward from B.F. Hastings Building at 2 a.m. with Alta Telegraph Co. as agent.
July	1860	Alta Telegraph taken over by California State Telegraph which stays until November 1863.
March	1861	Wells Fargo becomes agent for Pony Express.
October	1861	Pony Express ends.
October 24	1861	Supreme Court sends allegiance telegram to Lincoln.

## OTHER DATES

February 4	1851	Vallejo is capital of California.
February 5	1853	Benicia is capital of California.
February 28	1854	Sacramento is capital of California.
	1869	Probable date of Supreme Court move.

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<sup>1</sup>Pony Express started by Russell, Waddell, and Majors, owners of the Central Overland California & Pikes Peak Express Co.